

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1 through 32 (cancelled).

33. (new) A brush comprising:

a bristle stock;

a first layer of a first plastic material, said first layer having a plurality of through holes;

a second layer of a second plastic material differing from said first plastic material, said second layer disposed substantially between said first layer and said bristle stock, said second layer extending substantially parallel to said first layer with said second plastic material filling said through holes, wherein said first and second layers are produced by two component injection molding.

34. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein a non-positive connection exists between walls of said through holes of said first layer and said second plastic of said second layer filling said through holes.

35. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein a positive connection exists between walls of said through holes of said first layer and said second plastic of said second layer filling said through holes.

36. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein an integral connection exists between the walls of said through holes of said first layer and said second plastic of said second layer filling said through holes.

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37. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein said first and said second layers are structured and dimensioned such that the brush flexibly gives way under forces acting on said bristle stock when the brush is in use.
38. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein at least one of a thicknesses of said first layer, a thickness of said second layer, a choice of said first plastic and a choice of said second plastic are selected and dimensioned to adjust a flexibility of the brush.
39. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein a number of said through holes in said first layer is selected to adjust a flexibility of the brush.
40. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein a size of said through holes in said first layer is selected and dimensioned to adjust a flexibility of the brush.
41. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein a shape of said through holes in said first layer is selected and dimensioned to adjust a flexibility of the brush.
42. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein said through holes have cylindrical walls.
43. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein said through holes in said first layer have walls which diverge outwardly from said second layer.

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44. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein said first material has a first color and said second material has a second color differing from said first color, said through holes in said first layer having a contour which, in conjunction with said differently colored first and second plastics of said first and second layers, provides information for a user.
45. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein at least said second layer is formed from an elastomer to elastically support said bristle stock.
46. (new) The brush of claim 45, further comprising a third layer covering said elastomer layer, said third layer being made from a less flexible plastic through which bristles of said bristle stock pass.
47. (new) The brush of claim 33, further comprising a third layer disposed substantially between said bristle stock and said first layer, wherein bristles of said bristle stock are fastened to at least one of said second layer and said third layer.
48. (new) The brush of claim 33, wherein one of said first and said second layers is shorter in a longitudinal extension of said bristle stock than another one of said first and said second layers, wherein said other one of said first and said second layers supplements said shorter layer over an entire length extension of the bristle stock.